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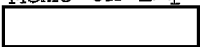
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12 Sept 1963



NRO - SATELLITE PROGRAM - PURCELL PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Wheelon to DCI

Subj: Comments on Dr. McMillan's Memo on Implementation of the Purcell Panel Recom.s.
Ref 11 Sept 1963 memo from DNRO 

The most significant feature of this document is its total reliance on Air Force views and programs in framing the NRO response. As far as we can learn no one in CIA was contacted to help in preparation of this response. ... Our principal CIA inhouse effort thus far in responding to the Purcell Report has been focused on improving the CORONA M/J search capability (as recommended by Purcell).

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Again we find ourselves unsolicited in an area where we were known to be placing a major effort.

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The thrust of my comments is to identify the effective termination of CIA/AF partnership in the sat recon business and suggest several limitations of the resulting sole-source reliance. OSA is now working on comments for you...

NRO review(s) completed.